Workers in Electrical Department (Detention in Jails.)

Q.—436. Sm. Bellary SIDDAMMA (Davangere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the reason for still retaining in Jails some of the persons who had been arrested in connection with the strike of Electricity workers ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

The cases are *sub judice*.

Disposal of Questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.— There is a Short Notice Question tabled by Sri Boranna Gowda. He is not present.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).— The fact that all these questions have been answered in the course of half an hour shows that the Government are not sending to the Secretary answers to as many questions as are required to be answered in the course of one hour.

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).— Some Hon'ble Members who have tabled the questions put down for to-day are absent.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Are we sure that all the questions that have been tabled by us will be answered before 3rd April ? We find that the session has been extended till the 20th of April and it is likely to be extended till the end of April. Can we exercise our right to send fresh questions ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—That will be against the rules.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—With 15 days' notice we can send our questions. On that point I want the ruling of the Chair whether we are not empowered to send additional questions since the session is likely to be extended for nearly 2½ months. That is a point to be examined because for the first time the session will be extended for nearly 2½ months. As such we feel that we can send additional questions, with 15 days' notice. On this we want a ruling.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ (ಸಾಗರ—ಹೊಸನಗರ).—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಹಾಗೆ ನಾನು ಎರಡು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದೆನು. ಒಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಉತ್ತರ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೇಕೋ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಇನ್ನೂ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನೇ ಒದಗಿಸಿಲ್ಲ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ನಿಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯ ನಂಬರ್ ಏನು ? We will write again.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—I feel that Short Notice questions that have been tabled by members should not be disallowed so that we may utilise this opportunity.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble the Leader of the Opposition has raised a point, namely, whether all the questions can be answered before the 3rd April. Now the Hon'ble Members are aware that we have distributed the questions that have been sent by the Hon'ble Members—at about 19 for each day ; at that rate we shall be able to finish all the questions tabled by the time as scheduled before. But now the question is whether the Hon'ble Members are entitled to send some more questions for this session. On this point the rules are very clear. The members are entitled to send questions only once giving notice of fifteen clear days before the commencement of the session. But as regards the point raised by the Hon'ble Member whether there is a provision for the members to send additional questions, so far as the present rules stand, there is no provision. Therefore, it is only by agreement ; if the Government agree to the request and furnish the answers we can make arrangements and allow the Hon'ble Members to send some questions. . . .

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—The Chait has the power to suspend the rules.

Mr. SPEAKER.— So far as this point is concerned, the Chair has absolutely no discretionary power. Therefore, it is only by agreement that we can extend this privilege to the members. To-morrow I will be able to make a statement on this point.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ (ಮುಳವಳ್ಳಿ—ಅನುಸೂಚಿತ ಜಾತಿಗಳು).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ವಿಷಯ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ